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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the restriction requirement mailed July 24, 2003 for the above-captioned application, Applicants elect Group I, claims 21-50. Although this election is made without traverse because the specific method of claim 51 could be patentable, even if the more general method of claim 21 when used for some other purpose were found not to be patentable, Applicants respectfully point out that claim 21 is generic with respect to claim 51. Thus, in the event the elected claims are found to be patentable, Applicants submit that it would be appropriate to recombine the non-elected claims (51-54).

Respectfully Submitted,

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